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A scissors scoop is better than no scoop at all, thinks the political hypocrite of colonization story fame.

Before Huntington puts in a bid for the State capital she wants to know whether, in the event of removal, the Hog Combine would follow the capital.—Huntington Herald.

Returning to the late campaign for a moment, it may be remarked that the much-talked-of State pride over the nomination of Henry G. Davis for the Vice Presidency, did not manifest itself even a little bit.

From actual reports, the red letter space killer on the hypocrite of a few evenings ago also proved to be an advertiser killer and subscriber killer as well for that paper. This is no pipe dream. The West Virginian says it and the people know it is so.

The Clarksburg Telegram is responsible for a very sad story of the freezing of a little babe at its mother's breast near West Tunnel on the Short Line road. It is said that a husband left his young wife and went out for fuel and has not been seen since. When found by neighbors the child was dead and the mother unconscious. It is a horrifying story and smacks of the dark ages rather than the twentieth century.

The Preston County Leader is thirteen years old and all right, all right.—Parkersburg State Journal.

That is a choice bit of sarcasm, unless we entirely misunderstand the able and consistent editor of the State Journal. We hardly think he can approve of the course the Leader has pursued in being a chronic kicker on the Republican party and all it stands for in West Virginia. The Leader isn't all right, all right in our opinion by a "right smart."

Captain Dovener should push his claims to the chairmanship of the Rivers and Harbors committee, and the entire community should back the captain in his efforts in this direction.—Wheeling Register.

The Register has known Captain Dovener long enough to know that he is abundantly able to take care of himself in whatever position he may be placed. The Captain never failed to acquit himself creditably when contending against the ablest legal talent in the State.

The failure of the West Virginian to cut an item from a Wheeling paper and publish it, as the hypocrite did, caused much exultation on the part of that gay deceiver. We admit the stupidity of not seeing the item when it was on the front page of the intelligence and we might add that the omission is almost as bad as that of the said hypocrite in its failure to give the Normal School appointments last summer. Because the West Virginian gave the list complete and the hypocrite failed to do so, it sulked in its tent and never did publish the names of the teachers and to this day its subscribers would not know the names of the teachers at the Fairmont Normal School if they had no other means of finding out.

WHICH LEADERSHIP?

The Cincinnati Enquirer appears to be wandering around without any party. Perhaps there is no anomaly in this condition as almost any Democratic paper may be said to be in the same fix. A newspaper can not very conveniently belong to that which does not exist. The Enquirer bumps up its back and makes the following announcement:

"The time has come for a general showing of hands. The Enquirer is ready with its pronouncements. It will not, under any circumstances, fall in with a leadership that has been three times rebuked by the people, but has still insisted on governing the party councils. It will not yield obedience to men who have just been enormously repudiated by their own party. It will not be coaxed, wheedled or dragged into a suicidal course by suggestions of party fidelity. It is for America, and for the American people. It bows to their will as to what is necessary for the splendid advancement and development of the country. It is for prosperity and not for calamity for the sake of triumph. It is in the proud company of Democrats, numbering millions, who refused at the last election to be delivered. It touches elbows on either side with legions who did not find in Bryan or Parker the exemplification of true Democratic faith. Good luck to Mr. Bryan and his friends in their personal affairs. No recriminations and no hard feelings. But no more Bryan leadership, no more dilution of Democracy with Populism, repudiation and heresy; no more restraint on the right of the American eagle, and no more tugging at the holding-back strap for yours truly. The Cincinnati Enquirer."

With all due respect to the Enquirer, no one leadership in the Democratic party has been rebuked three times in succession—in the last twelve years at any rate. One leadership was rebuked two times and another was not only rebuked but badly smashed with a club. There were two of them, not one, and both got hurt.

The Democratic party flies very badly with two wings and if the Enquirer and its "proud company of Democrats, numbering in the millions," tie on another, there is no telling where the old wreck will land. It certainly can not go up and there is no way of ascertaining at present how far it may go down.—Parkersburg State Journal

AN OBJECT LESSON.

The collapse of the Charleston suspension bridge should not fail to impress a lesson of extreme caution on every community which has a bridge of similar character. The Charleston Mail gives some things of interest in its write-up of the collapse, and we reproduce them that our people may know more about how the catastrophe occurred. The Mail says:

The two large cables on the upper side of the bridge pulled from their moorings in the stone anchor on Lovell street. The accident was due to this. The flooring was tilted and the people and wagons were slid off. The strain later snapped one of the cables on the lower side. The flooring dropped and turned completely over.

The wire suspension bridge across Elk was built in 1852, and at that time was considered quite a wonderful structure. Its cables were severed during the civil war, and then a pontoon bridge was erected and used for a time. After the war the old cables were spliced and new ones added to make it a safer structure.

Of late years the bridge had been very wobbly and some two years ago it shook so when a team or two was crossing it that passengers on the bridge at the same time had to walk like sailors to keep their balance, and it became popularly known as the "drunken bridge." At the same time it was badly sagged and one corner dropped down and the West Side end toward Kanawha became badly sagged. A new floor was then laid and this seemed to give the structure more stability.

Last September, on Labor Day, when the parade of the labor organizations of Charleston was arranged for, it was originally on the program to start from the West Side, but the program was later changed so that the parade started from the east side of the Elk, abandoning the West Side, and thus dispensing with the crossing of the bridge, on account of the statement as published in the Charleston papers at the time, of the "unsafe" condition of that bridge.

Parkersburg is again agitating the long debated question of removing the capitol from Charleston. The question has come up regularly about every two years for twenty years past, and may be expected to make a like record in the future. And there is every probability that twenty years hence the seat of the State government will still be located on the banks of the Kanawha.—Huntington Advertiser.

The furnishings of the Del Monico Hotel are being sold to-day. There are several prospective buyers, each with the intention of keeping a hotel.

A fellow doesn't mind falling down, if people don't see him.

IN POLITICS

MORMON BISHOPS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN A POLITICAL WAY.

(By Publishers' Press.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—T. Chas. Jackson, the Democratic State chairman of Idaho, resumed the stand this morning before the Senate committee which is conducting the Smoot inquiry. He continued his testimony of describing the political conditions in his State, and the influence exerted upon them and upon the legislation by the Mormons. He declared that during the campaign this year, he found the greatest difficulty in holding meetings in the Mormon counties, no one daring to accept the position of local chairman. Open threats were sometimes made against the speakers he sent there, and received many reports of interference of Mormon bishops in politics. On the cross-examination before Mr. Van Cott, witness said that it had been reported that Apostle M. F. Cowley had gone through Oneida county in 1902, saying that it was the desire of the church that the people should vote the Republican ticket, but he had not himself heard him.

RHEUMATISM

DIDN'T PREVENT FELLOW FROM GETTING AWAY FROM FAIRMONT POLICEMAN.

Yesterday afternoon a stranger giving his name as Brown and claiming his residence in a town near Elkins, accosted Officer Morris and asked how he could gain admittance to the Miners' Hospital, claiming that he was afflicted with rheumatism and was a miner. One of the hospital authorities was consulted, but nothing could be done for the man as he was not employed at the time and had not met with an accident. At little questioning by Chief Morgan elicited the fact that the Elkins police had furnished him with transportation this far, probably in order to get rid of him. The officers doubted the rheumatism story and told the man to wait until No. 4 ran and they would furnish him a ticket to take him back to Elkins. When they looked for him last evening he had disappeared.

DECLINED

ROBERT H. PATTON REFUSES TO ACCEPT CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROHIBITION COMMITTEE.

(By Publishers' Press.)
 CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Oliver W. Stewart aided by a kindly fate, may have outwitted his enemies in the Prohibition party. Practically forced out of the National Chairmanship, Mr. Stewart finds after the committee had adjourned and the members scattered that the man chosen as his successor refuses to serve. This leaves the committee without a head unless Mr. Stewart claims the right to serve until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Robert H. Patton, of Springfield, Illinois, had been chosen as Stewart's successor but he declined to serve.

Exchange

The church workers of the Central Christian Church will hold an exchange in the old People's Bank building next Saturday, December 24. They will have a fine line of cakes, pies, puddings, salads, homemade candies, chicken, homemade bread and baked beans. Come early and get something good for your Christmas dinner. x

Why not let the Marion Claim Agency collect that claim for you? x



You will find the finest assortment of Up-to-Date Novelties we have ever shown.

You Can't Beat Our 25c and 50c line.

Trimmed Hats are going fast at 33 1-3 per cent. off regular price.

PASSENGERS AND CREW PERISH

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us aboard. Later we were transferred to the Erastus Corning.

"This story of the disaster can give no impression of the perils of it all. All were sleeping when the fire broke out, with the exception of the three members of the crew and myself. From their cabins they were awakened to stand face to face with a terrible death. I cannot speak too highly of the nerve displayed by my crew and most of the passengers. Despite the fact that they were but improperly clothed, with nothing but flimsy night robes to protect them from the icy chill of the night, they kept up a remarkable courage, and in this way aided in their own rescue. Even after we got away in the life boats, the horror was but begun, for we were bumped about in the ice with no signs of relief, for a full hour and a half. It was soul-sickening.

"The members of the crew who were lost, as well as the passengers, were suffocated.

"The fire developed one hero of the finest calibre. When we were getting the life boats away, Newman Miller, one of our firemen, came to me and said he had seen a woman on the lower deck praying. Unless she was moved, he said, she would be lost. He started to go to her, and I tried to stop him, knowing that nothing but death awaited him. My efforts were unavailing. He threw his life away trying to save another one."

The captain said the fire was probably caused by the crossing of wires. The rapid spread of the flames, he added, was probably due to a quantity of hay which was aboard.

Fred B. Street, a business man of New Haven who, with his wife and two daughters, was aboard the vessel and escaped, says no words are too high in praising the conduct of Captain McAllister and his crew. Mr. Street had come to New York, and proceeded to Poughkeepsie to take his oldest daughter, Emily, 19 years old, from Vassar College to her home. They occupied two staterooms in the forward part of the vessel. They were awakened by the breaking of their windows, and the cry of fire. They grabbed blankets which they threw over the night clothes, and climbed through the window. When they reached the deck they found Captain McAllister on the bridge, directing the work of launching the life boats, and the crew aiding in the work. Everything moved smoothly under the watchful eye of Captain McAllister, who showed himself a man of wonderful courage and cool-headedness.

Only one attempt to secure safety at the expense of others were made. While the women were getting into the boats, a man, whose name is not known, rushed toward the side, shoving the women aside. Captain McAllister caught him, however, and thrusting him back in no gentle manner, informed him that the women must be provided for first.

On the arrival of the survivors in New York, they were provided with a nondescript kind of clothing and hastened to nearby hotels.

Editor Honored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—S. S. Knabenshue, of Toledo, O., has been appointed to the United States Consulship at Belfast, Ireland, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of W. W. Touville. Mr. Knabenshue has for some years been the editor of the Toledo Blade.

We want to feed Marion county with Marion flour. Help it along. x

For Xmas flowers, see Fleming, the florist. x

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 LADIES' \$3.00.

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WANTED HELP

WORTHINGTON MAN CALLED ON LOCAL JUSTICE TO HELP HIM OUT OF HIS TROUBLES.

A well known man from Worthington called at the home of a local justice last night after that officer had retired for the night and wanted legal assistance in recovering his property. He said that he had brought a rather wild horse to this city and traded the animal to a local citizen. He was to receive a watch and twenty dollars.

The man took the horse and the seller told him not to attempt to drive him, that he would run away. The buyer thought he could manage any horse that ever walked and hitched him up. After going down the street last evening a short distance the animal started a little too fast for the driver and he tumbled out. The horse went on down the street, turned up High street and had about covered the entire city when he was caught.

The horse was put in the purchaser's stable and the Worthington man went for his pay. This was denied him as was the horse and he was out both. He wanted the justice to aid him and was told to come around today if he could not settle with Mr. Buyer.

If Santa Claus will take the youngster one of our magic lanterns, money bank, air rifle, pocket knife, tricycle, express wagon, sled, tool chest or a pair of K. K. skates he will be delighted with his Christmas present. J. L. Hall's Hardware. x

Call at J. S. Pople's and get bargains in ladies' furs; all sizes, latest styles, catchy colors. x

Silver knives and forks at Clyde S. Holt's. x

TIED BETWEEN CADAVERS.

Student Spends Interesting Night In Operating Room.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Chas. McMahon, a junior medical student at the University of Minnesota, promised the freshmen that he will never again enter their dissecting room without taking off his hat. He tried it yesterday and was tied to the operating table with a corpse on either side.

The doors being securely locked to prevent the upper classmen from breaking in, McMahon's hat was saturated with alcohol and set on fire, while the freshmen formed a circle around their victim and sang songs of victory.

Presents that are useful in granite, nickel, aluminum and chinaware, silver tea and table spoons, knives and forks, carving sets, granite roasters, carpet sweepers, scissors and shears, and prices pared, at J. L. Hall's Hardware. x

J. S. Pople is running away with the trade in ladies' furs. Prices cannot be discounted. x

Sleds and doll go-carts at Clyde S. Holt's toy department, 325 Main street. x

Jewelry of all kinds at Clyde S. Holt's. See me before buying. x

Go and see Howard before having the children's pictures taken. x

Automobiles up to seventeen dollars at Clyde S. Holt's. x

Charles Howard is a specialist on children's photographs. x

Fine pocket knives and razors at Clyde Holt's. x

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